

*Finding your Way towards the Macellum: the Spatial Organization of a Roman Type of Market Building*

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The *macellum*, as one of the main market buildings in the Roman city, must have provoked two important flows of movement throughout the city. A first flow was caused by the city's residents who did their daily shopping in the *macellum* and a second flow, perhaps the most important one, was generated by the transportation of products to the market. Since the *macellum* was associated with the sale of fresh fish and meat we can assume that these products must have been transported on a very regular basis, several times a week or maybe even daily. Until today, however, only relatively little study has been done on the organization of transport towards the *macellum*, leaving a number of key questions unanswered. By studying and comparing different case studies in Roman Italy and its provinces in this article, I wish to tackle some of these questions (e.g. where did the products come from, which means of transport were used and how was transport regulated within the city) to eventually come to a main conclusion on the spatial embedment of the *macellum* in the city and its effect on movement and transportation.